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**Legislative Document**

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S. P. 680

In Senate, April 14, 1939.

Tabled by Senator Cony of Kennebec pending first reading.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-NINE

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**RESOLVE, Relating to the Use of Public Funds Advanced to Fishermen's Relief Corporation, and Maine Coast Fisheries, Incorporated, for Relief of Needy Fishermen in Maine.**

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**Relating to investigation as to the use of public funds advanced to Fishermen's Relief Corporation, and Maine Coast Fisheries, Inc. Resolved:** That the attorney general be, and hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed to make a thorough investigation into the use and expenditure of public funds advanced to Fishermen's Relief Corporation, and Maine Coast Fisheries, Inc., for the relief of needy fishermen in Maine; and if fraud in the use and expenditure of said public funds, by said above-named corporations, be uncovered, prosecution of those guilty of fraud be instituted. If it be held that the fact that the funds granted to said corporations were Federal funds and for that, or for any other reason, prosecution may not be had in the state courts, that then said attorney-general shall take steps to secure action by the United States Department of Justice.

The attorney general is hereby authorized to employ such additional assistant or assistants as shall be necessary in order to make said thorough investigation, and such additional assistant or assistants shall be compensated in such amounts as the governor and council shall determine; and the expenses incurred in such investigation shall be paid on order of the governor and council, the funds for such compensation and expenses to be paid from the general funds of the state.